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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mt. Pisgah Regular Baptist
Association

HELD WITH

New Providence Regular Baptist Church
NEWTON COUNTY, MISS.

September 19-20-21, 1925

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

EBENEZER CHURCH, NEWTON COUNTY, MISS.

Saturday Before the Third Lord's Day
in September, 1926

OFFICERS:

W. H. RAINER, Moderator.....Little Rock, Miss.
W. J. McMULLAN, Clerk.....Newton, Miss.
J. E. GRAHAM, Treasurer.....Decatur, Miss.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Eighty-eighth annual session of the Mt. Pisgah Association of Regular Baptist held with New Providence church Newton County, Miss., Sept. 19, 20, 21, 1925.

Introductory preached by the appointee W. H. Rainer. Lesson read Mathew 16 chapter 1st to and including 20th verse, theme, The Church and its Foundation.

After sermon adjournment one hour for refreshments. 1:30 P. M. Lesson read by W. H. Rainer, opening prayer by Bro. J. R. Carter. The Moderator, W. H. Rainer, declared the body ready for business, and appointed committee to read letters, M. R. Jones, C. Buckley, S. D. Barfoot. Finance Committee, J. I. Robinson, E. McDill, W. W. Adams.

Roll of churches called and messengers enrolled as follows:

Beulah—E. L. Graham, T. H. Sims, J. H. Chaney.
Beat Line—L. Mercer, Mrs. Troy McElhaney.
Cross Roads—G. Henton, Mrs. G. Henton, Perkins.
Cedar Grove—B. B. Speed, W. B. Cass.
Duffee—W. A. Williamson, J. Culpepper.
Ebenezer—J. I. Robinson, A. M. May.
Ephesus—H. Patric, J. S. Riser.
Good Hope—A. Smith, C. Dennis, H. Clark.
Hebron—W. H. Rainer, C. C. White, M. R. Jones.
Hope Well—J. W. Williams, C. N. McMahan.
High Hill—T. R. Brewer, G. W. Davidson, C. R. Phillips.
Hazle—M. Weaver, M. E. Tillman, W. Morgan.
Little Rock—By letter.
Lawrence—By letter.
Midway—J. D. Norman, Mrs. W. J. McMullan, Miss Bernice McMullan.
New Ireland—C. Osborn, S. B. Barfoot.
New Prospect—
New Providence—W. P. Vaughn, F. Lindley.
New Zion—J. G. Riser, H. E. McGee.
Poplar—F. Addy, C. Eason.
Pinckney—S. H. Alexander, G. W. Rucker.
Pine Bluff—S. K. Everett, A. M. Volentine, A. A. Everett.
Pleasant Ridge—W. L. Robinson, H. M. Thorn.
Pine Ridge—A. M. Barrett, E. M. Hollingsworth.

Pleasant Hill—W. W. Adams, J. Bishop V. Pace.

Providence—E. L. Johnson, C. C. Freeman.

Rock Hill—M. Snowden, Bob Wilson.

Sulphur Springs—S. M. McDill, A. L. Petty, T. D. Anderson

Sardas—J. O. Gardner, G. M. Warren, Lanie Finley, B. Johnson.

Steel—J. L. Comans, Joe Rushing.

The same officers were elected by acclamation, W. L. Rainer, moderator; W. J. McMullan, clerk; J. E. Graham Treasurer. Officers elected accepted with thanks. Petitionary letter from Steel received and messengers seated in the body. Visiting messengers called for and seated as follows: Oktibbeha Association, M. W. Langham, H. J. Collins, A. N. Thomas; Newton County, W. L. Grafton, D. B. Cannon; Bay Springs, L. M. Phillips; Jones County, J. W. Rooker; State S. S., J. E. Byrd; Lauderdale County, W. L. Collins; Orphanage, J. R. Carter. Committee on preaching, J. S. Laird, S. K. Everett, H. P. Everett and Deacons of this church, and recommends Bro. Comans preach in the church at 11 A. M. and Bro. A. N. Thomas preach at the stand 11 A. M., and that Bro. J. R. Carter preach at the stand 2:30 P. M. The body adjourned until 8:30 a. m. Monday.

Sunday service at 10 a. m. Sunday School report was read by Bro. J. E. Byrd and discussed at some length by Bro. Byrd and adopted, see report No. 1. Preaching service began promptly at 11 Bro. Comans in the church, theme, Prosperity, John 3:20, and Bro. Thomas at the stand.

The discourses were strong, forceful and well received. Collection taken for mission. Adjournment for refreshments.

At 2 p. m. Bro. J. R. Carter lectured on training and the Orphanage. A collection was taken for the orphans, \$14.00. This followed with a good Baptist spiritual sermon.

Monday, Sept. 21st.

8:40 A. M. After prayer led by Bro. A. N. Thomas, the Moderator declared the Association ready for business at 9 o'clock a. m. Petitionary letters called for, Duffee church received and messengers seated. Roll of messengers called and absentees noted.

Rules of Decorum and Gospel order read.

Messengers to the General Association, M. R. Jones, H. P. Everett, J. I. Robinson, G. M. Rucker, J. E. Graham, H. M. Thorn, W. J. McMullan, J. S. Laird, T. H. Sims, C. A. Crawford, J. W. Williams, W. H. Rainer, J. C. Comans, C. C.

White, W. W. Adams, S. H. Alexander. Messengers to Oktibbeha Association, I. A. Blackwell; Bay Springs, W. H. Rainer; Scott County, C. A. Crawford, Newton County, W. J. McMullan, G. W. Rucker.

Visiting brethren invited to seats in the body.

Report on state of religion read by L. M. Phillips see no. 2.

Missions read by J. L. Comans, discussed by L. M. Phillips, J. W. Rooker, see no. 3

Orphanage by C. C. White and discussed by White and Bro. Thomas. Contribution \$6.50 see, no. 4.

Temperance by M. R. Jones, see No. 5, discussed by Thomas, Sims, Rainer, McMullan, Speed.

Adjourned 1 hour for dinner, and resumed work at 1:30 p. m.

Hospitals—By W. J. McMullan. see No. 6.

Christian Education—By J. I. Robinson, see No. 7.

Queries and Request—See No. 8, by W. L. Robinson.

Finance—By J. Robinson, No. 9.

Obituaries—By T. A. Sims, No. 10.

Treasurer's Report—J. E. Graham, No. 11.

Nominations—By W. L. Robinson, No. 12.

Resolutions.

[1] That the clerk be instructed to have the proceedings of the meeting printed where he can get the work most neatly and promptly done, paying for same, when so done and approved by him, and that he distribute them among the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary, printers fee, and postage, reserving a sufficient number of copies for distribution.

[2] That all money on hand for the Orphanage be sent direct to the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss., by O. K. of the treasurer, and all funds on hand, after the expenses of this Association have been met, be sent to the General Association.

[3] That we extend our sincere thanks to New Providence Church and the entire community for their kind and generous entertainment of the association.

[4] That we now adjourn to meet with Ebenezer Church two miles north of Lawrence, Saturday before the Third Lord's Day in September, 1926.

While singing "Sweet By and By" the parting hand was given and a fervent prayer led by Bro. L. M. Phillips in

behalf of the Association and its work. Closed a harmonious session of the Association.

W. H. Rainer, Moderator.

W. J. McMullan, Clerk.

P. S. Motion made by W. J. McMullan and carried unanimously to have published in the Minutes The History of the Separation of the Anti-Missionaries from the Missionaries in the Mt Pisgah Association, written by, Bro. N. L. Clark.

Missions No 3.

And ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth, was Christ's parting message, and is sufficient authority for all work being done in His name. Whether it be teaching, preaching or ministering to the poor, beginning at home and reaching to the uttermost parts of the foreign field. Never was there greater opportunities on the mission field, and never greater need for the Gospel to be preached in its purity than today and at home, and in the foreign field. This work is committed to the church. And surely the Baptists have this responsibility as no other people in the world. Our State Mission work is directed by the Executive Board of the General Association of East Mississippi, in preaching to destitute places in our territory, helping weak churches sustain pastors, and aiding in building and repairing church houses where needed. All missions rest on Home and State Missions. Foreign Missions demands our time, means and prayers. If we pray right God will send laborers into the field. Then we should give liberally of our means, helping to sustain God's laborers in the great harvest. Let us trust, and in Jesus name go forward.

J. L. Comans, G. M. Rucker.

State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence.

No. 2.

The reports from the churches indicate a reasonable state of religion, and some have had helpful revivals this year reports show 160 baptisms. We regret that so many churches have no Sunday Schools. Sixteen churches report Sunday Schools, with 80 teachers and 900 pupils.

Some churches report very little contribution for mission work, and pastors salary. In some instances just a few members bear all of the financial burden of the church, all should help.

The lack of discipline has caused some of our churches to be hampered by members that have no interest in the

work We should try to enlist them, or get rid of such members.

We still maintain fraternal correspondence with the Association adjacent to our territory.

J. W. Williams / L. M. Phillips.

Report of Sunday School Work. No. 1.

The Bible is very plain and emphatic on the question of teaching. Jesus was a teacher and a preacher, Matt. 4:23 The first churches had teachers in them Acts 13:1. We are commanded to teach, Matt 28:19-21

In the light of the above scriptures, and many others which could be given, we believe that every church should think seriously on this question of teaching the word of God.

We equip our public school buildings and require trained teachers in them to teach our children the public school curriculum. Should we have less concern about teaching the Book of books? The first qualification of every one who would teach in the bible school is a regenerated life. Then all the training in doctrine, organization, and methods it is possible to have. The results of the right kind of a Sunday School will justify all the cost that is required.

The Baptist Sunday School department of our work is putting forth every effort to upbuild this important phase of our work.

J. E. Byrd,
J. S. Laird,

Christian Education. No. 7.

Education is the unfolding, or developing of the mind and to some extent shaping of character. We are creatures of environment. Train the child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it, Proverbs 22:6. Ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, Ephesians 6:4. We do not believe that by neglecting our duty the church and Christianity will be destroyed. Ezekial tells us, God created a fire in us, and it shall not be quenched. There is great encouragement in the scripture quoted. They also imply that there is a wrong way to train children. as we are creatures of circumstances to a great extent. We should look well to who teaches our children in the common or grammar schools. We think the attention of our people should be given more to the grammar school, because only a small percent go higher. Our high schools and colleges should be careful as to teach-

ers, for the leaders of our people will come from them. We should use our influence to keep improper theories from coming into them in the name of science, such as the theory of evolution of man from the lower order of life.

We have four colleges in the State fostered by Baptist: Blue Mountain College, Mississippi College, Clark Memorial College, Womans College. We recommend that you send your boy and girl to the school surrounded by the best church influence.

J. I. Robinson,
J. L. Comans,
H. P. Yarborough

Orphanage No. 8.

Our Baptist Orphanage located at Jackson, Miss., is meeting a great need in our state in caring for dependent and helpless children. For more than 25 years the Orphanage has been taking care of, educating and training dependent, neglected and helpless children, many of whom are the children of broken down mothers, and indigent, and afflicted fathers

Our Orphanage has done a splendid work for more than 11 hundred of these helpless children, making it possible for them to escape much suffering that would necessarily have followed; developing the children under the wise management of the Superintendent and helpers into good citizens, and independent bread winners; and save many homes from ultimate ruin by taking of helpless and afflicted of parents for such a time as was necessary for these parents to regain their health, and get on their feet and reestablish their homes and go on in the normal way.

We feel that our Orphanage is worthy as a Christian Institution, and should elicit our interest, our prayers and our financial support. It is supported entirely by voluntary contributions, and our employees there are dependent on the Baptists of Mississippi, for money necessary for the upkeep of the home, for the feeding, clothing, and schooling on an average of 175 children each year.

We would recommend that the people of our Association continue their donations of money, clothing for boys and girls, groceries of all kinds, shoes, plenty of syrup, pencils, tablets, soap, bed linen, hose and anything that can be used in the ordinary home, for children.

We would also suggest that our people watch out for the free cars and take advantage of them in sending in their box donations, together with all kinds of farm produce.

We learn from the managers that the general health of

the children has been good, and that the children are taking commendable interest in their mental and religious training.

We commend our Orphanage to our people, and ask that we pray that the guiding and protecting hand of our Father be over the children, and the management.

J. R. Carter,
C. C. White.

Temperance. No. 5.

The subject of temperance covers a broad field. Ordinarily we seem to think it only has reference to intoxicating drinks. We believe there are many other things that we are very intemperate in, such as eating dressing, making money, getting money for the Master's cause, joy riding and company. We find in the New Testament that our Lord commands us to be temperate in all things. Strong drink has made many sad hearts, and desolate homes. The strong drinks through the country in this age is very poisonous. We believe when the Baptist people quit making selling and drinking, the poison stuff, then the temperance question will take care of itself.

We believe that the joy riding, dance hall, the mixed swimming pool is dragging more of our people, especially the young people, down into sin than any other thing we have to contend with, and allow us to say in connection with these things some body is responsible for these things as they exist.

We urge you fathers and mothers to be very careful with your children, know where they go, and with whom they associate. Our young people are the hope of the church and country. We urge our people to aid officers of the law in every way they can in executing the prohibition law.

M. R. Jones,
T. A. Sims.

Baptist Hospitals. No. 6:

The Baptist Hospital at Jackson, Mississippi, has been in operation since 1910. It is treating 2,000 patients a year. The cost of treating charity patients is from \$6,000.00 to \$7,000.00 a year. The cost of running the Hospital is around \$75,000.00 a year. The capacity is 75 beds, 3 operating rooms, 3 X-Rays, 28 nurses in training, with 26 physicians and surgeons on staff.

The Hospital is not a money making institution. Money received from pay patients being used for the benefit of the poor patients. The Hospital is doing a great work for the sufferers of Mississippi, it all being done with Baptist money and prayers. When in need of service use the Baptist Hospital.

W. J. McMullan, Chairman.

Obituaries. No. 10.

We find in the past Associanal year, God has seen fit in His infinite wisdom to call from our midst the following brethren and sisters: L. B. Harrison, C. L. Harrison, Billie Gibbs, Rith. Walton, J. A. Blackwell, L. W. Myers, G. W. abry, N. V. Harrison, E. J. Robinson, L. Chaney, F. Brantley; Sisters Susie Parks, Elizabeth Laird, Ann Crocker, Elsie Scoggins, Leah Chaney, Annie Gilmore.

May the God of all Grace sustain the bereaved

T. A. Sims,
C. A. Blass

Nominations No. 12.

To preach the introductory in 1926, J. L. Comans; his alternate, C. H. Crawford.

Mission sermon Sunday, J. S. Laird; his alternate, H. C. Bufkin.

J. E. Graham,
W. W. Adams,
W. L. Robinson.

Queries and Request. No. 8.

We find that Beulah, New Ireland and Ebenezer ask for the next meeting of the Mt. Pisgah Association. We recommend that the next Association be held with Ebenezer church, two miles north of Lawrence.

H. P. Yarbrough,
W. L. Robinson,
C. A. Crawford.

Chairman to Write Reports For 1926.

State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence—J. L. Comans.

Missions—H. C. Buffkin.

Sunday Schools—M. R. Jones.

Orphanage—A. S. Smith.

Temperance—G. W. Rucker.

Baptist Hospital—J. G. Giles.

Publication—W. J. McMullan.

Christian Education—J. I. Robinson.

Queries and Request—H. P. Everett.

Nominations—J. E. Graham.

Ordained Ministers.

H. O. White	Little Rock, Miss.
T. A. Sims	Little Rock, Miss.
J. S. Laird	Little Rock, Miss.
W. H. Rainer	Little Rock, Miss.

J. L. Comans	Sebastopol, Miss.
J. H. Saterfield	Lawrence, Miss.
R. L. Summerlin	Lawrence, Miss.
C. A. Crawford	Decatur, Miss.
E. W. Breland	Haze, Miss.
Walter Cross	Newton, Miss.
H. C. Bufkin	Decatur, Miss.
G. W. Gardner	Forest, Miss.
G M. Rucker	Union, Miss.

Licentuates

J. G. Giles	Chunkey, Miss.
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Report on Finance. No. 9.

For Associational Fund this year	\$ 81.74
For State Missions	40.58
Collection for Orphanage	20.50
	\$142.82

J. I. Robinson,
H. P. Everett.

Treasurer. No. 11.

Money paid out last year for Associational expenses,	
Minutes, Postage, Clerk fee	\$ 68.72
For the Orphanage	17.00
Balance in Bank	19.00
	\$104.00

J. E. Graham, Treasurer.

HISTORY

Of the Separation of the Anti-Missionary Elements From The
Missionary Elements in the Mt Pisgah Association Re-
printed From the Minutes of 1912.

The Mt Pisgah Association was constituted into a body in the year 1837, at the Mt Pisgah church, Rankin County, Miss. The original minute containing the act of organization, I have not been able to obtain, though much effort has been made. We are, however, sure of the fact, that it was constituted on the Scripture principles of church equality and independence, and securing the right of each member of each church to do as he will with his own. I was first a member of the body in the year 1841, at Bethel church, Newton County, Miss. The session was, in the main harmonious. There was discussion, however, on the subject of missions. This grew out of a proposition for the Association to enter upon the work of domestic missions within its bounds.

The subject was warmly discussed, and with some

sharpness; but the question was withdrawn or passed over. There was manifested and anxious desire on the part of the friends of mission to go forward. The subject renewed in the body at the sessions of 1842 at Doaks Creek church, Madison County, Miss. There was a warm discussion, and more feeling than was commendable. The Densons, Chambers, Martin, Green, Jones, Bass and Clark, may be said to have led on the liberal side; while Wilbanks, Berry, Fortson, Slay, Feeney, Craft and others, led the opposition. There was much feeling, and almost defiance. It was clear that a division was near, unless the anti-element would give way as it was clear that the friends of missions were largely in the majority. The body, though adjourned, in order, except feeling. The Associational year was one of much concern and investigation.

The mission principle evidently gained strength. While the opposition was intensified, and was canvassing, aiming if possible to get control of the body. Elder Wilbanks visited almost every church in the Association during the year; why, it was not then known, but was made plain when the body met in the session of 1843, at Mt Sinai Church.

This was the seventh annual session of the body, numerically attended, the largest session of the body yet held. It was my lot to preach the introductory sermon. Elder Martin, the past Moderator, called the body to order and organized the same. He had been moderator for two years, and it was supposed by the friends of missions, would be again without opposition, but was defeated by Elder Elijah Wilbanks, showing clearly that he had been canvassing for the office, thus to get control of the Association. The treasurer, in those days, was appointed by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the body. Bro. Wilbanks appointed a most determined Anti-Missionary to the office of Treasurer, and made such other appointments as put the body under the control of the anti-mission element of the Association. The body, in the exercise of her rights, refused to ratify his appointments requiring the offices to be filled by men in harmony with the popular sentiment of the Association. This, of course, was on Saturday. Many were unhappy, hard saying were uttered; yet the body adjourned in order, but alienated in feeling. But little brotherly intercourse was had between the two parties. The Lords day passed without much religious enjoyment. One minister appointed under the Wilbanks administration to preach on Sunday was given to understand that his appointment was not agreeable, he being a visiting minister and a non-fellowshipper. There was a large congregation on Sunday, Elders Gran-

berry and Merchant preached. Joel Harvey the non-fellowshipping minister had a separate appointment. That body friendly to missions were firm but considerate.

The meeting of the Association was solemn and orderly but not social. Elder Wilbanks presided with fairness till the close of the session; but did not return to organize the body. About the ordinary course was taken in business. Among the items of new business, was the introduction of the following resolution: "Resolved, that the churches be requested to state in their letters to the next session of this Association, whether it be their minds to invest the surplus funds in the treasury, in employing a faithful minister, or ministers, to ride and preach the gospel in the destitute parts of our Association, and if not, what disposition shall be made of them; and that such that approve of an intineracy, send up contributions specified for that purpose." This resolution was discussed with much feeling and faithfulness, and arrayed the two interests against each other, the mission and anti-mission. Feeling had reached its extreme. Just before, or soon after the adoption of the resolution, Elder Roderic R. Fortson arose and addressed the body in a short talk, and closed by saying: "We are not of you, and that it may be clearly seen that we are not, we go out from you," and walked out of the house, followed by a number of delegates. Neither Fortson, nor the withdrawing party returned any more. Elder Wilbanks presided till the body adjourned. These events took place on Oct. 2, 1843. During the ensuing Associational year, the line became more closely drawn. The Association went into mission work at the next session, and the anti-missionaries formed themselves into an association of their own. This was a sad occasion, and sadness seemed to rule all minds there. It seemed though, unavoidable. The powers of the Associations allowed all to give, or not to give, but that did not satisfy. The Anti-missionaries were the withdrawing party. The Association lost but little in strength or numbers when they left us; seven or eight churches most of them small; three ordained ministers, possibly some licentiates, but none remembered.

At the session of 1843, the minutes show a membership of 1,434; at the session of 1844, they show a membership of 1,338, a loss of 96 members. This is an honest statement of the facts as to the withdrawing of the Anti-Missionaries from the Mt Pisgah Association. The session for 1844 was held with Line Creek Church, Scott County. Then the body went harmoniously into the work of Missions, and has continued through all the years since, either in her own body or through the General Association.

Elder Alanson Goss was our first Missionary. May God be praised for His goodness.

N. L. Clark.

Rules of Decorum.

1. The Association shall consist of messengers chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt Pisgah Association.

2 Such messengers shall be members in good standing and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3 They shall produce letters specifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceeding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4 This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties incidental to those offices. Provided that no one shall hold the office of Moderator for more than four consecutive terms.

5 If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association they shall petition by letter and messenger, and if orthodox and orderly, shall be received and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their messenger the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6 Every church shall be allowed two messengers and no more until her number shall be one hundred, three messengers until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty; then four and no more.

7 The Association shall neither answer nor debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8 Every motion made in order and seconded shall be reduced to writing, if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association, except when withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9 A motion made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any

member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then, until leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken for the whole body, which shall be declared without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as any other member when the question is taken and in case a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association and if not then decided, the Moderator shall then proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of messengers shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over when necessary.

20. The minutes shall be carefully read and corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall open with prayer.

23. The rules of order shall be distinctly read by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subjected to alteration or amendment by any regular meeting of this Association by a majority of the Association.

Abstracts of Faith.—Preamble.

We, the messengers of regular Baptist churches of Jesus

Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon profession of our faith and convinced of the utility of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one triune God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe in the Scripture of the old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him all his posterity in consequence of which we inherit a fallen and depraved nature consequently the Scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love; that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a Holy and effectual calling being justified alone through righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto Salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the man Jesus—who, by the satisfaction He made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath by His most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment and that the happiness of the righteousness, and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Gospel Order.

1. We believe the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon profession of

Faith, and who have given themselves to our Lord; and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teaching of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His Church, that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of any member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in His Church until His second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of Regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regular baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public confession of their faith, to submit to the ordinance of the Gospel and give themselves as members of the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

Objects and Powers of the Association.

1. The Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and therefore the Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice it can in difficult matters, when solicited, and in general, to advance the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we desire it to be the inalienable rights of every Association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of

duty and dictates of their conscience; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And on motion whereby the rights is called in question shall instantly be ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence with other religious bodies of the same Faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not messengers, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of the proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association shall form their own By-Laws, and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT	POSTOFFICE	SECRETARY	POSTOFFICE	No. Teachers	No. Pupils	Average Attendance	Church Mem- bers in School	Baptised From School	No. Diplomas	Kind of Literature
Beulah	T. A. Sims	Little Rock	Lucile Graham	Decatur	9	58	40				Baptist
Cross Roads	A. S. Smith	Decatur	Allie Thornton	Stratton	6	40	25				Baptist
Cedar Grove	B. B. Speed	Newton	Gladys Holliday	Newton	4	62	50				Baptist
Ebenezer	G. W. Williams	Lawrence	Myrtle Stephens	Lawrence	5	60	40				Baptist
Ephesus	W. G. Wolf	Forest	Florence Wolf	Forest	7	60	35				Baptist
Good Hope	F. B. Brewer	Dixon	Sadie Rew	Lake	7	60			7		Baptist
High Hill	F. G. Harris	Lawrence	Sallie Joe Arnold	Dixon	7	61					Baptist
Hazle	M. M. McMullan	Newton	Nettie M. Emmons	Lake	7	80	50				Baptist
Midway	S. B. Barfoot	Union	W. T. McMullan	Newton	4	27	15	22	3	3	Baptist
New Ireland	A. H. Melton	Forest	Quirle Vance	Union	4	80	40				Baptist
Pine Ridge	W. L. McGee	Lake	A. Kelly	Lawrence	5	34	26				Baptist
Pleasant Ridge	E. Crawford	Hickory	Florence Everett	Hickory	4	35	25				Baptist
Rock Hill	E. Snowden	Mechan	Lizzie Snowden	Mechan	8	65	30				Baptist
Sardis	R. Z. Gilmore	Sebastopol	Mary Bassett	Sebastopol	4	15					Baptist
Sulphur Spring	W. L. Turner	Conchatta	Mr. Turner	Sebastopol	4	73	40	31			Baptist
				Conchatta	8	75	50				Union

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STATISTICAL TABLE

Church	County	Clerk	Postoffice	Pastor	Postoffice	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Received by Statement	Dismissal by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Unknown	Residents	Non Residents	Total Members	Ordained Ministers	Minutes Wanted	Time of Meeting
Bulah	Newton	J. E. Graham	Decatur			9	3	1	1	1	6	4		150	61	214	2	30	4th
Beat Line	Newton	A. Leach	Conehatta	H. C. Bufkin	Decatur	3								18	12	30		10	4th
Cross Roads	Newton	M. T. Mann	Decatur	H. C. Bufkin	Decatur		1			3			4	69	4	71		15	4th
Cedar Grove	Newton	W. L. Gibbs	Newton	W. B. Hamman	Newton	5	3			1						49		18	4th
Duffee	Newton	L. I. Blackwell	Duffee	L. M. Phillips	Newton	4	22	2		1		1				26		10	
Ebenezer	Newton	W. E. May	Decatur	W. H. Raines	Little Rock		2			5		1		82	6	88		20	2nd
Ephesus	Scott	W. G. Wolf	Forest	R. G. Clark	Lake	11	1			3		1				87	1	17	2nd
Good Hope	Scott	T. E. Davis	Lake	W. B. Mott	Newton	23	12		1	7		1				169			
Hebron	Newton	W. R. Jones	Union R2	A. B. Culpepper	Duffee	6				10		1				123	2	15	2nd
Hope Well	Newton	J. B. Williamson	Duffee	W. H. Rainer	Little Rock		1			10		2				153		25	3rd
High Hill	Neshoba	L. W. Brewer	Dixon	R. L. Summerlin	Lake	9	4		1	2	5		112	42	154	1	20	3rd	
Hazle	Newton	Mrs. H. C. Rush	Lake	W. B. Mott	Newton		1				6	1				120			2nd
Little Rock	Newton	John W. Smith	Little Rock	By letter												30			
Lawrence	Newton	Mrs. J. B. Price	Lawrence													23			4th
Midway	Newton	W. J. McMullan	Newton	C. J. Purvis	Newton	3				2						35		12	3rd
New Ireland	Newton	S. B. Barfoot	Union	J. L. Comans	Sebastopol	1				4		1				84		12	2nd
New Prospect	Newton	P. H. Savell	Conehatta	E. A. Phillips	Newton					3		1				87		7	4th
New Providence	Newton	Frank Lindley	Chunkey	J. S. Laird	Little Rock	1				2			2	42	7	48		12	2nd
New Zion	Scott	W. C. Wall	Forest	G. W. Gardner	Forest R1	3	1									21		10	4th
Poplar	Newton	L. F. Milling	Conehatta	G. Rucker	Union	1				2						50		15	4th
Pickney	Scott	V. G. Gordon	Union	J. L. Coman	Sebastopol	3	3			4						58	1	15	4th
Pine Bluff	Newton	P. C. Everett	Newton	H. H. Bathune	Newton	6	2					1		40	20	60		15	1st
Pine Ridge	Scott	E. D. Hollingsworth	Lake	J. S. Laird	Little Rock	9	4			4			1	48		57		15	1st
Pleasant Ridge	Scott	J. T. Colwell	Decatur	W. H. Rainer	Little Rock	15				6		1		77	20	90		20	1st
Pleasant Hill	Scott	W. J. Adams	Conehatta	H. C. Bufkin	Decatur	1				4		2				127		18	1st
Providence	Scott	Ethel C. Johnson	Schamberville	J. L. Coman	Sebastopol	18	5			1		1				44		15	3rd
Rock Hill	Lauderdale	Lillie Giles	Meehan	W. L. Grafton	Newton	4		1								40		12	3rd
Sulphur Springs	Scott	J. A. Anderson	Conehatta	H. C. Bufkin	Decatur	1				7						70		8	3rd
Sardis	Newton	S. M. Warren	Sebastopol	L. D. Bassett	Louin	11				5		1				108		25	1st
Steel	Scott	D. E. Putnom	Harperville	J. L. Coman	Sebastopol	9	8		1	1						39		15	1st

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FINANCIAL TABLE

Church	County	Date Organized	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School	Orphanage	Local Poor Charity	Associational Fund	B. Y. P. U.	W. M. U.	Visiting and Ministerial aid	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Value of Church and Property
Bulah	Newton	1850				12.00			4.50			.83	150.00		1600.00
Beat Line	Newton								2.00			.12			600.00
Cross Roads	Newton	1880	18.00			15.00			3.00	5.00	10.00	38.00	65.00		600.00
Cedar Grove	Newton	1920	5.00				2.00	4.14	3.00			35.00			
Duffee	Newton	1924							2.50			9.00	15.00	63.00	900.00
Ebenezer	Newton	1873	7.50			12.00			3.50			30.00			850.00
Ephesus	Scott						2.90		2.15						650.00
Good Hope	Scott	1884	8.00			10.00		60.00	3.50		4.00	68.50	100.00		750.00
Hebron	Newton	1880	31.00	1.50	18.00				3.50				125.00		700.00
Hope Well	Newton	1898	14.62						4.00			21.00	75.00		750.00
High Hill	Neshoba		4.05					38.50	3.50						500.00
Hazle	Newton											51.60	125.00		
Little Rock	Newton								1.80						2000.00
Lawrence	Newton	1913													
Midway	Newton	1878	20.00	2.00	8.00	8.00	3.00	10.00	1.25			25.00	75.00	125.00	1000.00
New Ireland	Newton								1.80				93.00		750.00
New Prospect	Newton	1858							1.00			15.00	125.00		2500.00
New Providence	Newton	1894							2.13				125.00		750.00
New Zion	Scott	1924	2.50						1.25						300.00
Poplar	Newton								1.50						500.00
Pickney	Newton	1847	9.50						2.35			30.00	100.00		500.00
Pine Bluff	Newton	1884							3.00						800.00
Pine Ridge	Newton		10.00			12.00			2.85			18.00	88.00	100.00	1150.00
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	1920							3.15						1250.00
Pleasant Hill	Newton		16.00						2.70						1500.00
Providence	Lauderdale			1.05					2.25				60.00		800.00
Rock Hill	Lauderdale	1920							2.50			15.00	65.00		500.00
Sulphur Springs	Scott	1848	10.00	2.50	2.81	13.23			1.20			54.00			1000.00
Sardis	Newton					14.23			3.00						
Steel	Scott		3.00						2.25			20.95	100.00		1000.00

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